REMARKS

In the Office Action, Claims 1-16 were allowed and Claim 17 was rejected. In this response, Claims 1-16 remain as allowed and Claim 17 is canceled. Applicant therefore believes that the application is now in condition for allowance.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees or any underpayments which may be required for the above-referenced application to Deposit Account No. 01-0265. Any overpayments should be refunded to Deposit Account No. 01-0265.

Respectfully submitted,

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